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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Exterior Only:

Allegheny Avenue retains its residential scale, although several structures have been converted for commercial use. One house that has remained residential is # 309. This house sits on the corner of Allegheny and Highland Avenues and is reported by the present owner to have been built in 1910.

This frame 2 story structure rests on a stone foundation. The walls are covered with the original brown wooden shingles

and are topped by a slate hipped roof.

The main facade of the nearly square block faces North. Most prominant is the single story porch and hipped roof which is supported by four full doric cloumns. It covers a most interesting first level. Features include la large glass door with side lights in the east bay, with a projecting bay window in the west. This window contains narrow 6/1 sash windows on the sides and larger 9/1 sash in the center. All windows have louvered shutters.

The second level has a squared bay projection in the east bay which has two narrow 6/1 sash windows with one shutter per window. The west bay is the same as the first level.

On the east end of the roof is a pedimented dormer vented by a pair of small 4/1 sash windows.

The western one-half of this facade's roof is a pedimented gable vented by similar windows.

A brick chimney pierces the ridge in the northernmost end. The west facade is a large two bays wide. Fenestration

is somewhat irregular in type.

The cellar is lighted by two casements. The north bay of the first level has a pair of nine light casements. The south bay, however, contains a bay projection similar to the ones on the north facade. This bay is covered with a slate hood hipped to relate to the main roof. The second level has 9/1 sash windows in each bay.

The roof here has a centrally located dormer.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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CHAIN OF TITLE FOR # 309 ALLEGHENY AVE.

LIBER	FOLIO	DATE .	GRANTOR	GRANTEE
939	308	January 4, 1935	John G. Turnbull	Frank Schuler et al
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Dr. Grafton M. Bosley, by way of Last Will and Testament recorded in Will Book 12/111 appointed Arthur L. Bosley and Richard H. Pleasants his Trustees with power to sell his real estate. Will dated January 14, 1901

TAX ASSESSMENT RECORDS

F. Schuler

1911:

Lot Southeast corner Allegheny & Central Aves. Frame House
Household Furniture

MORTGAGE RECORD

Mortgage Book 210, Folio 131 July 15, 1899

Dr. Grafton M. Bosley to the Maryland Title Insurance & Trust Company for \$11,500

Twelve lots situated West of Towson represented on a plat filed with the mortgage.

For the purpose of making accessible the said lots, the following Avenues represented on the plat "are hereby dedicated to public use...":

Chesapeake Avenue Pennsylvania Avenue Allegheny Avenue Highland Avenue Bosley Avenue





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